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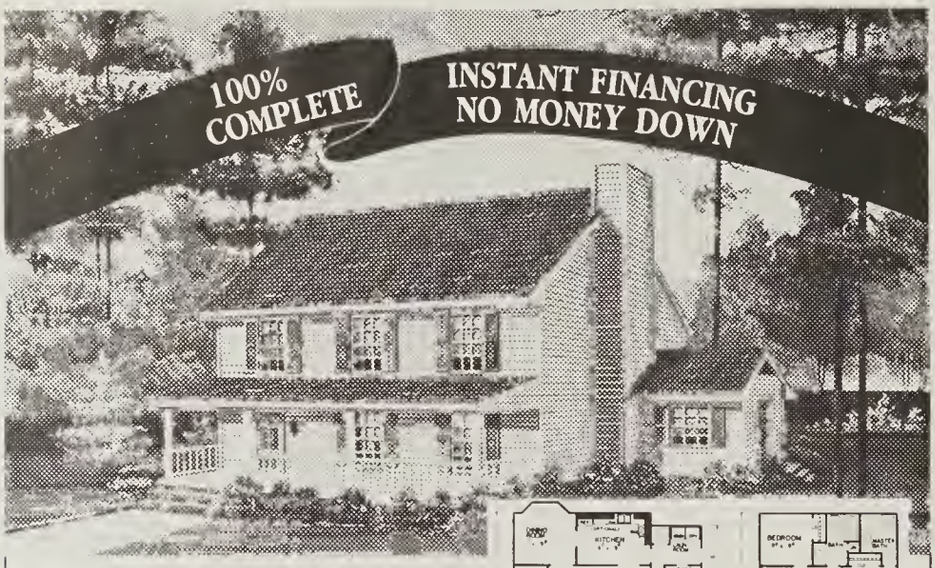

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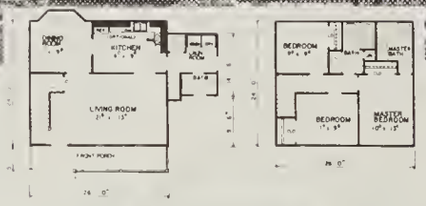

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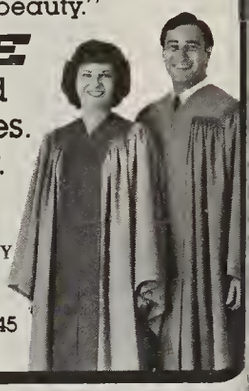

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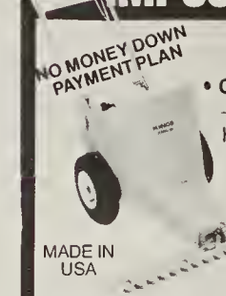

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ıdget-Cutting Proposal: Pure "Silliness"

The following editorial was written by rd E. Brown Jr., manager of Four County ic Membership Corporation, Burgaw. It rinted from that EMC's consumer news-

A recent edition of *The Wall Street Jour-* urried a column by Bob Davis which was nely critical of the rural electric program, the Rural Electrification Administration) as a "candidate for the budget ax." he executive vice president of the al Rural Electric Cooperative Associa- NRECA), Bob Bergland, answered the criticism and his response is worth g:

About 30 years ago, rural electric co-ops ard they should close up shop because people had electricity. The silliness of as apparent to anyone who gave any t to the needs of the new people and y moving into rural areas. Still, the line en perpetuated by opponents of rural fication, who didn't even bother to it to account for the devastating effects ign competition on agriculture and ce-based economies for rural areas. You would think that people concerned America's place in the world economy would give at least a passing nod to electricity's role in the rural infrastructure. Modern, electricity-dependent agriculture has consistently been the one bright spot in the otherwise dismal U. S. world trade picture. That didn't happen by putting up poles and walking away.

"The most hackneyed part of Mr. Davis' argument—used almost 20 years ago by Richard Nixon—is that these co-ops serve 'posh country club resorts.' I don't understand why he omits the fact that these same co-ops serve some of the most impoverished people in this country, who otherwise might not be able to afford electricity at all.

"An industry doesn't have to have smokestacks to provide legitimate jobs. Economic and social diversity is a community strength, not a problem.

"And for those interested in accuracy concerning the low-interest loans to rural electric systems: nearly two-thirds of the REA financing has been at the going Treasury rate."

Members should be interested to know that Four County EMC serves only 5.2 consumers per mile of line compared to approximately 40 consumers per mile for the investor-owned power companies—quite a difference!

ıcational Opportunities: A Key To Prosperity

e following column was written by yche Fowler Jr. of Georgia, one of the nbers of the new Senate Rural Devel- t Task Force. It is reprinted from Rural a, *the monthly magazine of Georgia's ide organization of electric co-ops.*

nce 1980, spending on rural programs n cut by 75 percent. At a time when overty is increasing and rural popula- e declining, we have seen the near- tling of rural health, housing and small s programs.

e are all aware of the budget restraints and the necessity of reducing these lous deficits. We know there will be atives on the scale of previous federal ments to the countryside—such as ctrification and land grant colleges. That does not mean we must ignore this challenge. It means we must be even more dedicated and innovative in using the resources we can muster.

One of the problems of rural development I hear in every small town I visit, from every businessman I talk to, concerns the limited educational opportunities available in rural areas. There is no way we are going to have development, jobs, new businesses outside our major metropolitan areas as long as we do not have trained, educated, skilled people ready to go to work.

There is no reason in this day and age of modern technology and satellite communications that we cannot make training and education available to the people of our small towns

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and rural areas. There is no reason they have to remain isolated fr educational or economic, opportunities.

That is why I favor the concept that is being promoted by the electric cooperatives, to use satellite and other telecommunicatio technology to give students in rural areas access to even the most advanced courses in sciences and foreign languages. This can give big shot in the arm to small rural school systems that do not have resources to provide all these opportunities. And it really makes n sense for each of them to try to duplicate these programs.

This is only one example of what we can do with governmen business and rural communities working together to develop our resources. At present we have no strategy to develop a sound and economy for an area that encompasses over a quarter of our peop spread over more than three-quarters of the territory of this coun and which ultimately accounts for half of our gross national produ

No doubt our most important rural resource is the people w in the small towns and countryside, who feed and clothe us, and v carry on such an important part of our agrarian heritage. We mus let these communities export their futures, as the young people t the big cities to seek a new life for themselves.

I think we must commit ourselves to working so that young lies and young people growing up in the country have a choice of ing where they are, close to their roots, and helping build a strong rural America and a stronger country for us all.

Cover Photo: Sunset On Bogue Sou

Our cover this month features a photo of a sunset on Bogue So Carteret County. It was shot by W. C. Carlton, a retired manager of teret-Craven Electric Membership Corporation, Morehead City. Ca retired as the co-op's manager in 1973 after 23 years in the post. He his wife, Helen, have continued to make their home in Morehead Ci *"Editor's Letter," opposite page.)*

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EDITOR'S LETTER

Readers:

Since we have news of several folks whose names may be familiar to you, we'll use this space to bring you up-to-date on some of them:

Noted artist Bob Timberlake of Lexington, whose work has been featured in *Carolina Country* several times, has various projects in the works. He did a painting of dogwood blossoms to be featured on a commemorative 25-cent stamp that'll be issued next month in Asheville to mark the 200th anniversary of North Carolina's statehood. *(See story, page 27 for details.)* In addition, his second time-limited edition print will be offered for sale in September and plans call for a book about his work to be published in October.

The print, titled "Friends," features Grandy Ann and Andy dolls in a child's room. Orders for the print will be taken between Sept. 1 and Nov. 3, with the response to determine the number of prints that will be prepared.

Timberlake's first such print, "Near Grandmother's," recorded sales of 4,000 copies last fall.

The book, *Somewhere In Time,* focuses on Timberlake's career over the past 10 years. It essentially picks up where the 1979 book, *The Art of Bob Timberlake,* left off. The large-format book is priced at $49.95. For information about the book or to place an order, call toll-free 800-334-3296 or write to Somewhere In Time, 5005 Chapel Hill Road, Raleigh, NC 27607.

Raney Rogers of Ashe County, whose photographs have graced our cover a couple times in recent years, is currently offering a limited edition print of the Ashe County Courthouse. A brochure about the print describes it as a "peaceful winter scene in warm brick and forest green tones." Its image size is 18½" x 22⅝". Signed and numbered prints are $125 each, plus $5 for shipping. Add 5 percent for North Carolina sales tax. To order a copy or for more information, write or call Raney Rogers Studio, Rt. 1, Box 1, Warrensville, NC 25653. Phone: (919) 385-6752.

Reidsville artist Mel Steele, whose "Tilda's Trio" was on our cover in March, has just released a new limited edition print that was sold out before it was formally released. His work has become so popular that this happens regularly. However, some art dealers report that they have copies of earlier Steele prints that are for sale. His "Song of the Meadow" and "Mitchell's Mercantile" are both available from Donald R. Key at Rt. 3, Box 83, Madison, NC 27025. These and others may also be available through other dealers. For information about dealers who may still have prints for sale, write to Steele at P.O. Box 2539, Reidsville, NC 27320. Phone: (919) 342-3023.

Still In Business After 114 Years

In May, we published a letter from Henry M. Alford of Clinton about the country store painting that was on our April cover. He said he had seen a similar store in Lorman, MS, back in the 1930s.

Now, he has written again to let us know that the Lorman store is still operating, but in a new building. He'd contacted a friend, who supplied him with current information and a photo of the store—which has become quite a tourist attraction.

"I knew the store was old," Alford wrote, "but I had no idea that it opened for business and was established in 1875, with the present building having been built in 1980. I still wonder if other readers of *Carolina Country* may know of any store older than the Lorman, MS, store that is still in operation."

If you do, let us know and we'll pass the word along to Alford and the rest of our regular readers.

- If you've read the item on the opposite page about our cover photo, you know that it was shot by W. C. Carlton, a retired manager of Carteret-Craven Electric Membership Corporation, Morehead City. Carlton retired in 1973 but still lives in Morehead City.

He served as the co-op's manager for 23 years, presiding over its growth from a system serving fewer than 2,000 members to an operation with nearly 11,000 members. (The EMC now serves about 24,000 members.)

Carlton, who recently received a commendation certificate from the American Red Cross for swimming 50 miles in the Swim and Stay Fit Program, said his years of service with the co-op were "the happiest years of my whole life."

Best regards,

Owen Bishop

New Interim CEO

Keller Takes Reins Of Co-op Organizatio

The chief executive officer of Blue Ridge Electric Membership Corporation, Lenoir, has been named Interim Executive Vice President of North Carolina's statewide organization of electric cooperatives.

Wayne D. Keller, a veteran of 30 years in the rural electric program, was named to the post following the resignation of David R. McCue, who had held the position since Jan. 1. McCue resigned to become vice president of administration at Plains Generation and Transmission Cooperative in New Mexico.

Wayne D. Keller

Keller will direct overall operations of the EMC organization until a permanent executive vice president is selected.

A committee of co-op officials from across the state has been conducting a national search to fill the permanent slot since December, when James M. Hubbard left the position to join the National Rural Utilities Cooperative Finance Corporation in Washington.

"We're hopeful that the committee will be able to complete its search in the next few months," said Emmitt P. Wood of Scaly Mountain, a director of Haywood Electric Membership Corporation, Waynesville, and president of the board of North Carolina Association of Electric Cooperatives (NCAEC).

"Meanwhile, the organization will continue to function effectively with Wayne Keller at the helm. He's a seasoned manager who has been a leader in the statewide program for several years."

NCAEC, the general trade association serving the state's 28 EMCs, is one of three corporations comprising the statewide co-op organization. The others are North Carolina Electric Membership Corporation (NCEMC), the power supply operation, and Tarheel Electric Membership Association (TEMA), a central purchasing and materials supply system.

Keller, a Lenoir native, has a BS in electrical engineering from N. C. State University. He joined Blue Ridge EMC in 1959 as staff electrical engineer and held t post until 1963, when he was named manager of the co-op's Ashe Di Office. He served as manager of engineering and operations from 19 until March, 1980, when he was named executive vice president.

While at Blue Ridge, he was involved in international volunteer grams in Bolivia and Jamaica. In addition, he served on the boards of well Memorial Hospital, the Bank of Granite and the United Way. An was chairman of the major gifts division of the Caldwell County Civi ter campaign. He is a former member of Civitan and Rotary Internati and he is a member of Lenoir's St. Stephens Lutheran Church.

Keller is a past president of NCEMC and served as a member of Power Supply Committee.

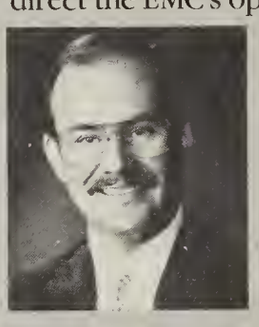
He is married to the former Elizabeth Pearson of Lenoir. They h two grown children.

At Blue Ridge EMC

Johnson Named Interim Manage

Douglas W. Johnson, vice president of marketing at Blue Rid Electric Membership Corporation (EMC), Lenoir, has been appointed interim general manager of the cooperative.

The Ashe County native was tapped by the co-op's Board to direct the EMC's operations while Executive Vice President Way D. Keller serves as interim chief executive officer of North Carolina's statewide organiz tion of EMCs.



Douglas W. Johnson

Johnson, who has been with Blue Ridg for about 10 years, has held the vice president's post since 1987. Earlier, he served as energy services specialist, director of energ management and manager of energy servic and marketing.

He has a BS in business administration from Appalachian State University.

Johnson serves as chairman of a marketing subcommittee o North Carolina EMC, the power supply arm of the statewide orga zation of co-ops. He is also a member of the Rural Electric Resea Utility Marketing Task Force.

He is a former Jaycee, a past member of Rotary Internationa and serves as a deacon at Lower Creek Baptist Church in Lenoir.

Johnson is married to the former Kathy Cottrell of Boone ar they have two children.

Blue Ridge EMC serves about 46,200 meters in seven count Ashe, Alleghany, Wilkes, Watauga, Caldwell, Alexander and Avery

MAILBOX

untry Store On The April Cover Is ery Similar To" Todd General Store

In regard to the cover on your April ıe, the painting by Pamela C. Renfroe, I all a building very similar to that one. It ɔcated in Todd, in the Blue Ridge Moun- ıs near Boone. It is called Todd General re. The building looks to be the one the ıting was made from.

Juanita Jones, Fleetwood

ril Cover: "A Wonderful Surprise"

What a wonderful surprise when I eived my April *Carolina Country* and Pam Renfroe's work on the cover! ı married my first cousin, Bob Renfroe. grew up together.

Reading about the painting and the froes was like a visit with each of them n. We have an original painting of hers I know how talented she is. Thanks n!

Mary Lib Presnell, Hudson

ıntry Store Image Recalled Annie Phail's Store In Sampson County

In response to the country store on r April cover: going down the road of nory, the image of a country store ıes to mind. It was in the section of pson County known as Rosin Hill. Back)43, this store was Annie McPhail's e just off Highway 13 between Newton ve and Spivey's Corner.

I remember the store had to close re dark because it wasn't wired at that with electricity. I remember getting a d soft drink out of the cooler with k ice in it. The store was stocked with about anything a country store could ocked with back in the early 1940s.

Miss Annie, as she was affectionately d, waited on her customers with a e. I suppose everybody that remem- Miss Annie and her store would have memories of what a country store all about.

Margaret Lee, Clinton

Tablecloth Item "Brought Back Many Fond Memories"

The "Untold Pleasures of the Double Tablecloth" (May issue) brought back many fond memories to me. My mother-in-law always used the double tablecloths, and you could always find something good to eat under that topcloth.

Bernice B. Freeman, Marshall

It's Time To Eliminate "Discriminatory" Intangibles Taxes

It is time for all elderly people to stand up and demand that North Carolina politicians take early action to eliminate the discriminatory intangibles tax as soon as possible. Intangibles taxes discriminate against owners of shares of common stock. They impose hardships on senior citizens and discourage retirement in North Carolina. They also discourage capital investment and restrict economic growth.

Intangibles taxes deter new businesses from moving into the state and support plans for existing businesses to move out. They create a myth that share owners are rich. This myth has been propagated for many years by the Democrats to obtain naive political support from non-share owners. If stocks are held for a long period of time, these taxes will reduce their value, making them a liability instead of an asset.

Please note that there are only six states, including North Carolina, that impose intangibles taxes on shares of common stock. If the politicians are concerned about lost revenues from the elimination of this tax, they could reduce the governor's salary, eliminate the pork barrel funds and, if necessary, implement a more equitable tax that would be applicable to all citizens. The elderly need consideration and respect, not reductions in their fixed incomes.

Coy and Patricia Mercer, Rt. 1, Albertson

Social Security Earnings Cap: "Incredibly Unfair"

Subject: "Retirees can earn more than ever" (May issue), and the Social Security earnings cap of $8,880.

Articles such as this one make me wonder if the author ever had the real world experience of working when retired, and bumping into that $8,880 cap. That cap is a solid brick wall! Due to taxes, there is no way you can continue working past the $8,880 point.

To make my point totally clear, let me show you an example. Consider the case of a man who wants to make a few dollars over the $8,880 cap to pay for the new Medicare 15 percent premium. Remember, he normally needs to make an extra $1,500 to gain an extra $1,000 after taxes. *(See box at left).*

Mr. Workingman, self-employed, age 68, on Social Security	
His net income from working (dollars over the $8,880 limit)	$1,000
Federal tax @ 28%	280
N. C. State tax @ 7%	70
Social Security "give-back" @ 50% (forfeit $1 for every $2 earned)	500
SS self-employment tax @ 13.02%	130
Net after taxes	**$20**

His net after taxes is $20. Incredibly unfair! *It literally prevents the man from working.* You tell me: how does he go to work and make that extra money he *must* have to pay the new 15 percent Medicare premium?

It's a crime against society to have a law like that! The cap must be removed—not raised, but removed!

John Gaston, New Bern

HERE, THERE & EVERYWHERE

Folkmoot USA Set To Return To Western NC

Folkmoot USA, the state's international folk and dance festival, will run from July 26 through Aug. 6 in Western North Carolina.

Folk dancing groups from the Soviet Union, China, Mexico, India and other nations will entertain nightly at the Stompin' Ground in Maggie Valley, and other locations throughout the area.

Adult tickets range from $15 for special events to $6 for general events. Children's tickets are $2.

For more information, contact Folkmoot USA at P.O. Box 523, Waynesville, NC 28786. Phone: (704) 452-2997.

Three Exhibits To Highlight Summer Schedule

Three special exhibitions will be running throughout the summer at the North Carolina Museum of Art in Raleigh.

"Treasures of American Folk Art," a collection of American folk art, will be on display through Aug. 20. The exhibit, organized by the Abby Aldrich Rockefeller Folk Art Center in Wiliamsburg, VA, features more than 180 works dating back to 1753. They include paintings, sculpture, textiles, furniture, toys and decoys.

Abstract expressionist Mark Rothko's work will be featured from July 15 through Oct. 22. Part of the artist's estate, the works date from 1940 to the 1960s.

"Signs and Wonder: Outsider Art Inside North Carolina," will feature numerous works by self-taught artists from across the state. Showing from July 28 through Oct. 1, the exhibit will feature several outside works that will be displayed on the museum's grounds.

For more information on any of the museum's exhibitions, write or call the N. C. Museum of Art, 2110 Blue Ridge Blvd., Raleigh, NC 27607. Phone: (919) 833-1935.

Berry Festival Scheduled In Surry County

Berries of all kinds will be in ample supply at the 3rd Annual Piedmont Summer Berry Festival, July 21-22, in downtown Dobson.

Many flavors of jams and jellies—as well as other food—will be for sale during the event. The festival will also feature local craftsmen and area music and dance groups.

A blueberry pancake breakfast will be one of the highlights of the festival's second day, along with a cook-a-berry contest.

The festival will run from noon to 10 p.m. the first day and 9 a.m. to 5 p.m. the second. The event is sponsored by the Agricultural Extension Services of Surry, Stokes and Yadkin Counties, the Piedmont Small Fruit Growers Association and the Berry Festival Steering Committee.

For more information on the festival, call the Surry County Extension Service at (919) 386-9274.

Coca-Cola Recalling Promotion Wrist Bands

Coca-Cola foods is recalling a promotional item—brightly colored wrist bands—on grounds that small children could choke on a plastic locking device that holds the bands in place, according to the Consumer Product Safety Commission.

The item, called "Cool Cuffs," is a version of a wrist band used in hospitals, amusement parks and summer playgrounds. It was distributed as a promotional item for Hi-C fruit drinks from February through April.

The safety commission said 2 million were distributed with nine-packs of the drink and more through a mail-in offer.

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"Lyme disease cause a number health problems including arthri that can be prev if people recogn symptoms early see their doctor Sandra Cook, pr director for the chapter of the foundation.

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EMC Receives REA Loan

Randolph Ele Membership Co ration, Asheboro received a $5.6 lion federal loan expand and upg its system.

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Nominations Open For Young Farmer Awards

The North Carolina State Fair and the North Carolina Farm Bureau Federation will sponsor the annual Young Male Farmer and Young Female Farmer Awards during the 1989 North Carolina State Fair.

Recipients are recognized for excellence in management and production, involvement in industry and civic and community activities. To be eligible, a farmer must be 35 years of age or younger and be the major decision-maker for a farm.

Nominations for this award can be made by any individual or group. The deadline for applications is Aug. 1. Judging will be done by a panel of farm experts.

Applications for the award may be obtained at Farm Bureau offices or the Public Affairs Division, N. C. Department of Agriculture, P.O. Box 27647, Raleigh, NC 27611. Phone 919-733-4216.

The Young Male Farmer and Young Female Farmer Awards will be made at a 10 a.m. brunch on Oct. 13, the opening day of the State Fair.

Film Featured At EnergyQuest

Visitors to the Catawba Nuclear Station in York County, South Carolina, will begin their tour with a 22-minute film depicting the people, traditions and heritage of the area.

"Hometown—A Very Special Place," which depicts the peaceful life of the surrounding community, is shown daily at EnergyQuest, the plant's visitors' center.

In addition to the film, Catawba visitors can tour part of the plant and get a hands-on opportunity to learn more about nuclear energy, radiation, safety and the plant's operations.

EnergyQuest is open seven days a week, except holidays, from 9 a.m. to 5 p.m.; Sunday, noon to 5 p.m. There is no admission charge to visit EnergyQuest.

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Book Examines History Of Harkers Island EMC

Fifty Years of Change, a book tracing the history of Harkers Island Electric Membership Corporation (EMC) is now being offered for purchase through the mail.

The book, which was published in May to commemorate Harkers Island EMC's 50th Anniversary, details the co-op's beginnings and recent history.

The 135-page soft-cover book includes historic photos, biographies of prominent contributors to the co-op's development, the co-op's incorporation papers, minutes from the first co-op meeting in 1939 and a complete list of all the EMC's past and present directors and employees.

The book also details many of the important happenings on the island over the past 50 years, and provides a look at life before electricity.

Compiled by Karen Willis Amspacher, the book was distributed to co-op members in the co-op's Annual Meeting in May.

Additional copies are now available for $6, which includes postage. For a copy send a check to EMC Anniversary Book, P.O. Box 3, Harkers Island, NC 28531.

Two EMCs Elect Six Directors

Five incumbents and one newcomer have been elected to the Boards of Directors of two North Carolina Electric Membership Corporations (EMCs) during recent co-op annual meetings:

- **Harkers Island EMC**—Re-elected were George G. Barton of Star Route, Harkers Island and James T. Gillikin of Harkers Island.

Ikie Guthrie of Harkers Island was elected to the board for the first time, unseating Milton Taylor of Harkers Island. Taylor was first elected to the board in 1966.

Board officers for the coming year are: Lloyd Michaels of Star Route, Harkers Island, president; Leland W. Yeomans of Harkers Island, vice president; George L. Nelson of Harkers Island, secretary and George G. Barton, treasurer.

- **Randolph EMC,** Asheboro—Re-elected were Larry Routh of Rt. 1, Franklinville; Charles Teague of Rt. 1, Seagrove and T. Harold Terry of Rt. 1, Siler City.

Board officers for the coming year are Charles Teague, president; James H. Garner of Rt. 2, Robbins, vice president and Bobby D. Wright of Rt. 1, Asheboro, secretary-treasurer.

Gate City To Host Craft Fair

Craftsmen from 11 North Carolina counties will be displaying their work at the 1989 Piedmont Handicrafters Fair, Aug. 25-27, at Greensboro's Four Seasons Mall.

The event, sponsored by the N. C. Agricultural Extension Service and the Northern Piedmont Development Association, will feature about 50 artists—displaying works in basketry, woodwork jewelry, quilting other talents.

For more infor tion, contact Jan Ebert, Davidson County Home Ec mist, 301 East C St., Lexington, N 27292. Phone: (249-7011, ext. 1

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Shrimp Festival Set For Aug. 12

Shrimp will be the seafood of the day Aug. 12 at the 19th Annual Sneads Ferry Shrimp Festival in Onslow County.

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Co-ops Must Wage A 'Never-ending' War On Pesky Woodpeckers

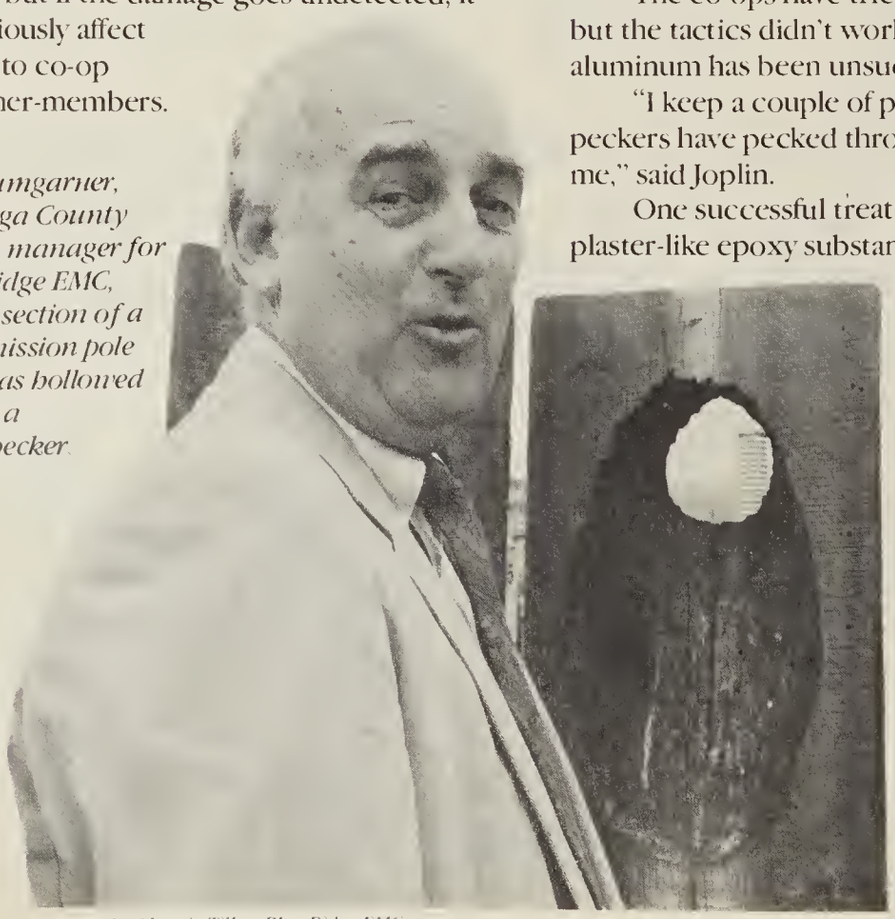
Co-op workmen struggle vainly to scare the birds away before they can set up power pole condos.

Many North Carolina Electric Membership Corporations (EMCs) are involved in a territory dispute—only this one can't be settled in a courtroom.

Remote transmission poles scattered across EMC service areas make up the battleground. The adversary is a wooden structure's worst enemy—the woodpecker.

Strange? Yes. Costly? You bet!

Inspections of transmission poles each year by EMC workmen reveal many woodpecker holes. Replacing the poles can cost thousands of dollars, but if the damage goes undetected, it can seriously affect service to co-op consumer-members.



Bob Bumgarner, Watauga County district manager for Blue Ridge EMC, with a section of a transmission pole that was hollowed out by a woodpecker.

Photo by Maggie Tilley, Blue Ridge EMC

A recent outage occurred for Blue Ridge EMC, Lenoir, in Watau County. A transmission pole had fallen as a result of woodpecker dan

The birds usually peck out a small hole for themselves, then get the pole and literally hollow it out.

"He'll peck a hole in the pole and make a home for himself, com with bay window," said Bob Moretz, operations manager, Blue Ridg

"We've replaced some poles that looked like a woodpecker con said Joseph Joplin, manager of operations, Rutherford EMC, Forest C

Co-op veterans are unsure why woodpeckers are so attracted t ity poles—especially the large transmission poles that carry high volt lines. But they have theories about it.

"Think about a utility pole—it's usually out in the open, the talle object in the area, no limbs—it looks just like a dead tree," said Bob garner, Watauga County district manager, Blue Ridge EMC.

"Some folks say that the buzz in the high voltage lines makes the woodpecker think he hears a worm," said Ted Holyfield, plant manag Surry-Yadkin EMC, Dobson.

Half of Surry-Yadkin EMC's 1,600 transmission poles have wood pecker holes—about 50 are severe enough that the poles will need changing soon, he said, adding: "We have 104 miles of transmission l and battling woodpeckers is a never-ending job."

Fighting woodpeckers has not been an easy task for the EMCs. S they are migratory birds, woodpeckers are protected by state and fe laws—making it unlawful to kill one at any time.

The co-ops have tried scaring them away with fake owls or snak but the tactics didn't work. Even wrapping the pole with a thin mesh aluminum has been unsuccessful.

"I keep a couple of poles in the equipment yard where the woo peckers have pecked through the aluminum—just so people will be me," said Joplin.

One successful treatment for existing woodpecker holes has be plaster-like epoxy substance that fills the hole so that the woodpeck cannot continue damaging it. However, it doesn't prevent the bird from finding anot spot on the pole to peck.

The same has been a problem with o remedies—such as wrapping the pole in a thicker metal. Woodpeckers will find an u ered spot to peck.

With repair costs reaching thousands dollars, EMC officials say they'll continue t search for new ways to deter woodpecker

It's a battle that isn't being taken ligh and the opponent definitely isn't being underestimated.

"The woodpecker is a very inventive said Joplin. "He's stubborn and determine and he can be a real problem!"

—Randy W

ew Cookbook Fulfills "Life-long Desire" For ncoln County Woman

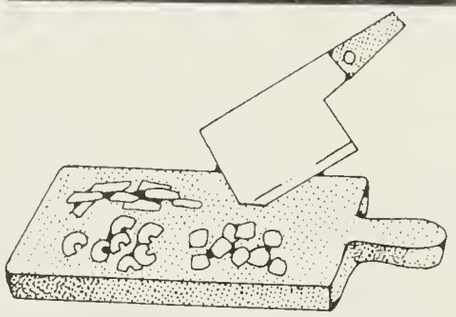
The recipe at right is reprinted from *ories Are Made Of This,* a cookbook that ublished as the fulfillment of a "life-long e" for a Lincoln County homemaker.

Martha W. Tucker of Rt. 4, Lincolnton, said eveloped the cookbook over an extended d, collecting the recipes, preparing the 's layout and shooting the photos for the and divider pages.

lowever, it wasn't a one-woman project. Mrs. Tucker, who is a consumer-member of rford Electric Membership Corporation, t City, pointed out in the book's foreword aughters Melea Tucker and Tanya Prater due "a special thank you" for their help in g the publication together.

The 156-page softcover book includes 350 es, a drawing and history of St. John's Epis- Church in High Shoals and 14 pages of l cooking hints.

o order a copy, send $7.25 to "Memories" ook, 25 Cherry St., Rt. 4, Lincolnton, NC 2-9230. Checks or money orders must be out to Martha W. Tucker. Section index e available for $1.



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1 can cream of mushroom soup
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1 Tbsp. instant onions
4 oz. grated Cheddar cheese
1 (8 oz.) pkg. egg noodles, crushed
Salt and pepper to taste

Boil chicken until done; bone and chop. Retain 2 cups broth. Spread chicken in a 9 x 13-inch casserole dish. On top of chicken, add in layers, cream of chicken soup, peas, onions, mushroom soup, first cup of broth, almonds, noodles and second cup of broth. Top with cheese. Bake in a 350° oven for 25 to 30 minutes until bubbly and the cheese melts.

Variations: May top with a little chopped bell pepper and 1/2 cup mushrooms, sliced, or may add the pepper and mushroom in broth so that you have some inside. Yield: 8 to 10 servings.

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NCEMC Slates Generating Plant To Cut Power Costs

The North Carolina Electric Membership Corporation (NCEMC) is planning to build a generating plant in Western North Carolina in an effort to reduce the cost of peaking power for the state's electric cooperatives, according to NCEMC officials.

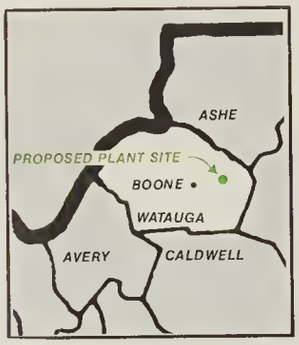
The plant, which is expected to be the first in a series of such plants in the region, is planned for a site at Deep Gap, about seven miles east of Boone.

It will operate primarily to provide on-peak capacity during periods of high electrical demand—when the cost of purchased power is at its highest.

The 30-megawatt facility, which is projected to cost between $15 and $20 million, is scheduled to be operational in mid-1990.

NCEMC officials said they expect the investment in the plant to be recovered through reduced power costs within the first five years after the facility goes on-line.

"The high cost of peak power is a heavy burden for us and for each of the electric cooperatives we serve," said Wayne D. Keller, NCEMC's interim executive vice president. "That's why we're moving to reduce that burden with the peaking facilities. We believe they'll allow us to cut our peaking power costs almost in half."



Energy generated by NCEMC's new plant will be fed into the power system of Blue Ridge Electric Membership Corporation (EMC), Lenoir. The savings derived from the project will be shared by all 27 EMCs that are members of the statewide power supply organization.

Plans for additional diesel generating facilities in Western North Carolina are still under study.

Meanwhile, a similar peak power project is planned for the Outer Banks, with plants to be built at Buxton and Ocracoke.

Keller pointed out that these projects are still subject to approval by certain regulatory and licensing agencies as well as the Rural Electrification Administration (REA). The federal agency will be asked to provide a loan guarantee for the construction financing.

He said the environmental impact of the proposed facilities will be well within federal air and noise requirements. They will not disturb any wetlands or protected areas.

The new facility will be owned by NCEMC and operated from its Raleigh headquarters.

NCEMC is the power supply arm of the statewide EMC organization.

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CDA To Publish Gift Catalog and Cookbook

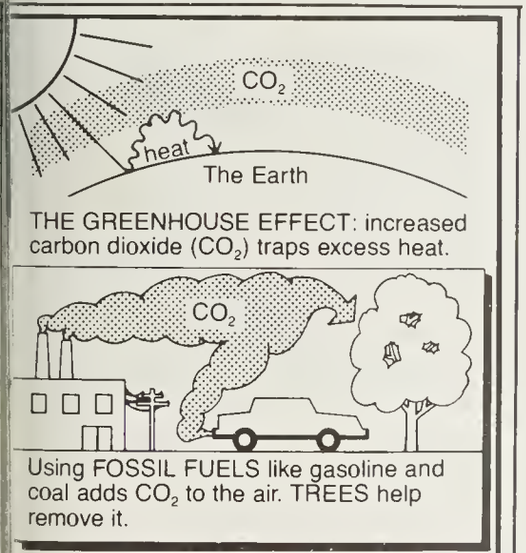
Gift catalogs can cover a wide range of merlise, from fine arts to sports equipment. But n Carolina will soon have its own special gift g with a twist: every item will be edible. A total of 55 Tar Heel companies have l forces to produce this catalog, according yne Miller, director of marketing for the Department of Agriculture (NCDA). The catalog will be published this fall, with 0 copies to be distributed initially. The publication will feature North Carolina products, with special emphasis on those with the successful "Goodness Grows in Carolina" promotion and the "Flavors of na" program, which touts Tar Heel prodt exhibitions outside North Carolina.

Meanwhile, NCDA officials are also making plans for a "Goodness Grows" cookbook to be offered for sale in October or November.

Mrs. Teresa Hamby, coordinator of the "Goodness Grows" program, said the softcover cookbook will include a number of recipes from celebrities as well as entries from other North Carolina cooks.

Proceeds from the sale of the volume will help support various NCDA efforts to promote Tar Heel foodstuffs.

Mrs. Hamby said the state agency is currently conducting special promotions for sweet corn, watermelons, farm-grown tomatoes and "three-in-one" white potatoes, which can be boiled, baked or fried.



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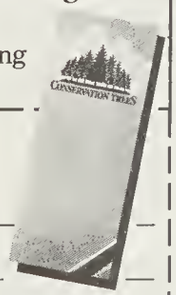

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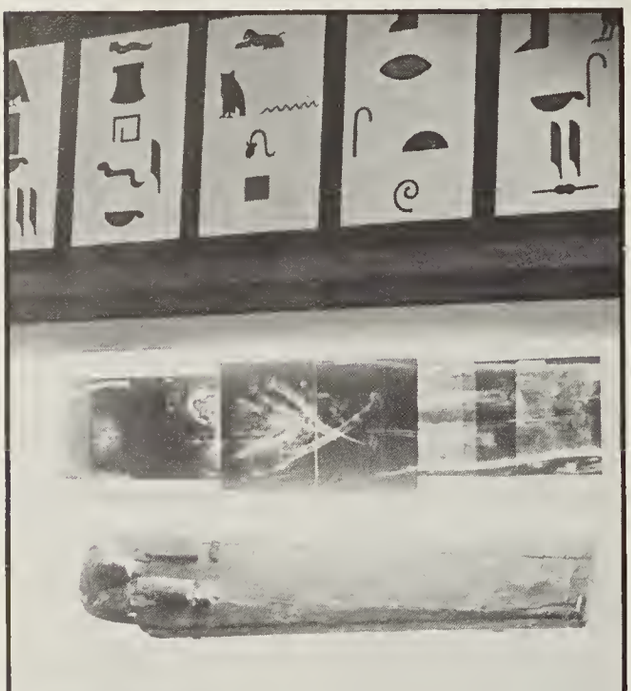


A 2,000-year-old mummy has been the most popular attraction at the Statesville Art & Science Museum since it opened in 1956.

By Randy Wheeless

It seems fitting somehow that the 2,000-year-old mummy at the Art & Science Museum in Statesville should have some mystery surrounding it.

What better compliment for this product of the Ancient Egyptian method of preserving the dead than a few unexplained facts?

However, for the museum, the mystery behind its mummy isn't how old it is, although that was a question at one time. And it isn't the age and sex of the mummy when it died—she was a 35-year-old woman. The mystery has to do with why the mummy took up residence in Statesville in the first place.

"The reason the mummy is at this museum is a little bit of a mystery," said Cynthia Hanson, museum director. "The museum has been here since 1956 and the mummy has been here since 1956. It's going to take a little investigation."

The mummy was acquired from Philadelphia's Crozier Theological Seminary. However, no one seems to recall how the museum and the seminary got together and, unfortunately, the people involved in the transaction are no longer available to explain the circumstances.

Rumors have circulated, though. One story is that another museum was to have it, but asked the Statesville museum to take it since the mummy was suspected of being cursed.

Until recently, the age of the mummy was uncertain. Hanson said some museum records indicate that the mummy was 3,000 years old, but that was "nothing to bet your career on."

Last year, a museum in Birmingham, AL, borrowed the mummy and as part of the loan arrangements, agreed to run some X-ray tests to determine the mummy's real age.

The tests revealed the mummy was 2,000 years old—not 3,000. They also showed that many of the bones in the plaster-like mummy were piled together near the stomach area.

Hanson said this made sense because during the rule of the Roman Empire, the mummification process became rather haphazard.

Mummies, some of which have proven to be more than 5,000 years old, were at first only kings and pharaohs. However, as the process became more widespread, common people were also mummified.

The process is related to the belief in life after death—preserving the body so that the soul may return to it.

Of course, there is no indication that the mummy in Statesville is a pharaoh, or that it might be about to rise from the dead anytime soon.

For the Art & Science Center it has reigned as the museum's most popular item for the past 33 years.

"People may forget everything else they see or hear here," said Hanson. "But they will remember the mummy."

Varied Exhi Slated At Mus

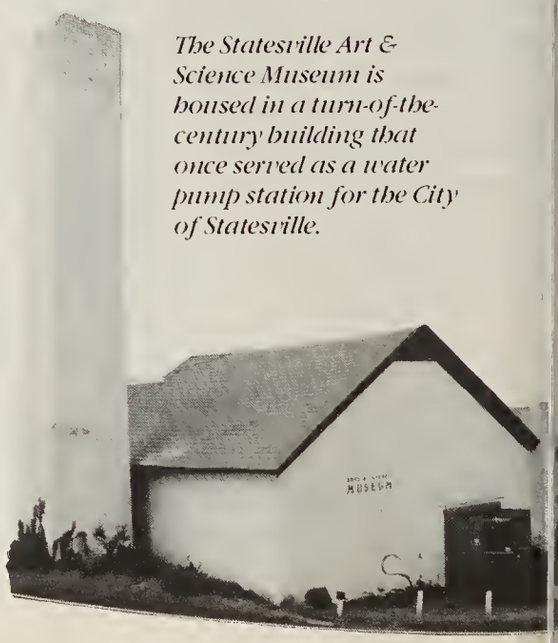
Regional and tionally known will be featured the Statesville Ar Science Museum the coming mon according to mu officials.

Exhibitions by sculptor Selma E photographers J LaBrenz and Sa Fanjoy and artis Charles Kapsner just a few of the many exhibits t museum will of

The museum open Wednesda through Friday 10 a.m. to 5 p.m Saturday and Su from 2 to 5 p.m. Admission is fre

For more info tion about the m seum and its ex tions, write 133 Museum Road, ville, NC 28677 (704) 873-473

The Statesville Art & Science Museum is housed in a turn-of-the-century building that once served as a water pump station for the City of Statesville.



MC Substation Named
ı Honor Of Director

South River Electric Membership Corpora-
ı (EMC), Dunn, recently paid tribute to a
nding director by naming a new substation
iis honor.

Kesler C. Butler of Rt. 7, Fayetteville, was
d for his 49 years of service on the co-op's board during ceremonies dedicating the Butler Substation in the Grey's Creek area of Cumberland County.

Kesler C. Butler

The high-tech facility was built to improve service in an area that has experienced rapid development in recent years,
ording to Marvin Marshall, the EMC's execu-
vice president and general manager.

One of its features, known as SCADA, will
nit co-op workmen to handle many opera-
s with radio signals from the co-op's head-
ters without visiting the substation.

Marshall said this will mean significant sav-
in maintenance and operating costs.

"We're doubly pleased to have this substa-
in operation. It pays tribute to a man who
been a guiding force for South River EMC
ughout our history and it is a major
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Butler, who helped organize the co-op, has
ı president of the EMC's board since 1957.

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26	Roanoke, Rich Square	Registration: 11:00 a.m. Business Meeting: 1:00 p.m.	EMC Headquarters Arena, Rich Square

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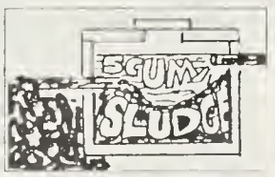

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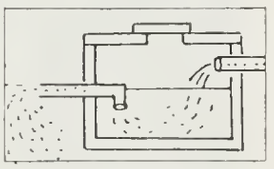

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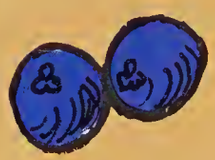
Submitted by Hazel Webb, Windsor

1 can (No. 2 1/2) crushed pineapple
2 C blueberries
1 box yellow cake mix
1 C sugar (divided into 3/4 C and 1/4 C)
1/2 C butter, melted
1 C pecans, chopped



Lightly grease 13" x 9" pan. Spread undrained pineapple over bottom o pan. Add layer of blueberries and sprinkle on 3/4 cup sugar. Spread dry cake mix over all. Drizzle melted butter over cake. Top with nuts and sprinkle remaining 1/4 cup sugar. Bake at 350 degrees for 25 minutes. Take from oven; cut down to bottom of pan to let juice rise. Return to oven and bake 10 to 15 minutes longer.

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Refrigerators have to work harder in a
m house. To keep from wasting expensive
tricity, check the gasket.

"You wouldn't think of leaving your refrig-
or door ajar, but your refrigerator or freezer
be wasting energy even when it is closed if
gasket doesn't seal tightly. The gasket is that
er strip around the inside edge of the door
keeps the door airtight," explains Dr.
ne Tope, extension foods and nutrition spe-
t at North Carolina State University.

You may have heard of the dollar bill test.
k when refrigerators had mechanical door
es and firm rubber gaskets, you could test
eal with a dollar bill. You simply closed the
on a bill and then checked to see if you
d pull it out. If you could, the gasket was not
ng properly," Dr. Tope said.

But today, most refrigerators use magnetic
gaskets that have a much lighter sealing
sure. This is because federal safety regula-
require that refrigerator or freezer doors
be able to be pushed open from the inside
at a child can't be trapped inside.

"The only way to check a magnetic door
t is to place a 150-watt outdoor flood lamp
e the refrigerator and freezer compart-
s," Dr. Tope said, adding that a smaller watt
isn't bright enough, and the inside of the
gerator and freezer must be dry.

"You wouldn't want to put an electric light
pool of water."

Here's the procedure to follow for an effec-
est:

Dim the kitchen lights. Aim the light to one
h of the gasket at a time, having the light
exit through the other side. Close the door.
k the entire length of the gasket. If the light
s through, it is not tight. Move the lamp
ord to the other sides of the gasket. Use a
r to inspect along the bottom of the door.

What causes a poor gasket seal?

f the gasket is torn or damaged it will need
replaced. But if the gasket looks fine, your
erator may not be sitting properly on the
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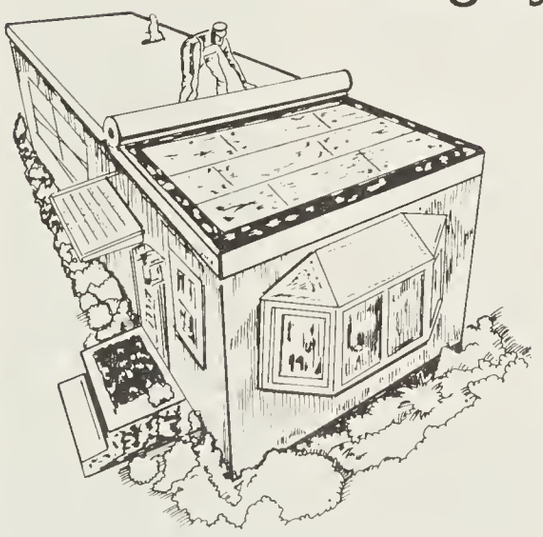

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Medicare Program Surtax Stirs Opposition

By the thousands, North Carolinians enrolled in the federal Medicare program are getting in touch with their U. S. Senators and Representatives to voice strong protests over the supplemental Medicare tax they'll have to pay when they file their 1989 income taxes in April, 1990.

As the amount of the 15 percent surtax becomes more widely known, opposition has increased. A *Carolina Country* survey of the offices of the state's two U. S. Senators and 11 members of Congress reveals near-unanimity among those writing letters and calling offices. Virtually all are in strong opposition.

The new law was enacted in 1988 and went into effect Jan. 1, 1989. Its provisions are compulsory for everyone enrolled in Medicare. The Medicare Catastrophic Coverage Act of 1988 (Public Law 100-360) was covered in detail in this column last December.

The U.S. Department of Health and Human Services, in a leaflet, says: "Medicare will be expanded to cover catastrophic health care costs." And indeed some provisions are changed. The law provides unlimited hospitalization after a single deductible payment, placed at $564 for 1989.

Effective Jan. 1, 1990, Part B (doctor's services) will be limited to a maximum of $1,370 a year, after certain deductibles. Also in 1990 a prescription drug benefit (80 percent, after a $550 initial payment) will also go into effect.

Here are some of the reactions to the program as they were described by Tar Heel Senators and Representatives or their aides.

Sen. Jesse Helms—An aide said, the Helms offices have had "thousands of letters—and all are complaints against the payment. Letters keep coming in every day. They say it places a tax on 'certain people' while not taxing others." Sen. Helms, who voted against the original legislation, is supporting a proposal that would make the program voluntary.

Sen. Terry Sanford—This office has received "a flood of letters and telephone calls, and almost all are complaints," said a staffer. Sen. Sanford "is very concerned about the problem," and has frequently conferred with Sen. Lloyd Bentsen of Texas, chairman of the Senate Finance Committee. Sen. Bentsen, an original sponsor of the legislation, believes that prem surpluses are more than is needed to fund b fits and is looking into ways to finance the p gram at a lower premium level.

First District Rep. Walter Jones—Ar said, "We're getting a very negative reaction with no support for 'catastrophic' in hundr letters and telephone calls. People are very about it." Rep. Jones has co-sponsored legis tion to review the matter to see if premium be reduced.

Second District Rep. I. T. (Tim) Val tine—This office has kept a computer file ing that 255 calls and letters have come in favoring the legislation, and 644 have oppo the premium. In addition, a group headed b James Roosevelt, The National Committee Preserve Social Security, has generated 1,5 postcards—all against. Rep. Valentine says: have to look for a reasonable solution."

Third District Rep. Martin Lancast "There may be six senior citizens we have heard from," a staff member reported. This office has had hundreds of letters and mos from people who are unhappy with the su mental premium. A few "appreciate the le tion. They say they can pay for it and are gl do so." Rep. Lancaster is co-sponsor of a bi H. R. 63, introduced by Rep. Bill Archer of (a House Ways and Means Committee me to delay implementation and set up a com sion to study financing.

Fourth District Rep. David Price— When Rep. Price held a public forum rece cover a variety of topics, participants mad focus on the supplemental premium. The has received 1,000 to 2,000 letters, most c plaining. But some are grateful for the cov A major complaint comes from people wh already have excellent coverage but are co pelled to pay for compulsory Medicare.

"In view of Sen. Bentsen's announcer that Medicare premiums may be generati excess revenue, I believe it is important to hearings on this issue. The supplemental p mium should not be used to cover deficits other areas," Rep. Price says. He is workin have hearings before the House Subcomm on Health.

How Much Will You Pay?

This table is provided to help readers enrolled in Medicare estimate how much supplemental Medicare tax they'll be paying in 1990 on their 1989 income tax. Use the amount you paid for 1988 for comparison. Note that in 1990 the maximum for one Medicare enrollee is $800, but $1,600 if two are eligible.

1989 Tax	Medicare Surtax
Under $150	$ 0
$150	22
$500	78
$1,000	154
$2,000	304
$3,000	454
$4,000	604
$5,000	754
$6,000	904
$7,000	1,054
$8,000	1,204
$9,000	1,354
$10,000	1,504
$10,650 up	1,600

As these figures show, the supplemental rate is 15 percent added to the taxpayer's "normal" tax bracket of either 15 percent or 28 percent.

Fifth District Rep. Stephen Neal—An said, "We're hearing from them loud and , more than 700 letters, and they are over- mingly unhappy. The money angle is the A few are for the program but most are t. Members of Congress are swinging against nancing, but some leaders are still for the Congress will have to take a second look. ust make some adjustments to the funding will not be overly burdensome to older icans." Rep. Neal says the new law is not "catastrophic" because it does not cover term institutional or home care. This need be met, he said, adding that he's "not opti- c about getting changes approved this year."

Sixth District Rep. Howard Coble— n the letter-writing began, this office had a d" of protesting letters, averaging 100 to week. Now it has settled down to five and letters a day, including some inspired e National Committee to Insure Social ity. Almost all communications are from care enrollees who're upset at the cost of it.

Seventh District Rep. Charlie Rose— got quite a large reaction, almost all of it ive, back in February, March and April. Let- veraged 100 a week. Now it has slowed to ters a week, but they are still negative on pplemental surtax," said a staff member. Rose voted for the program in 1988, but s co-sponsor of H. R. 558, which would coverage optional. He has changed his oint since 1988, although he still thinks verage would be good.

Eighth District Rep. W. G. (Bill) er—"Nobody supports the supplemental," staff member. "Our complaints are pretty n this subject. We're getting letters from l hundred thoughtful people, writing on own." Rep. Hefner is backing the move- to have House hearings on the matter.

Ninth District Rep. Alex McMillan— are pretty upset," a staff member ed, adding that "at the start, our mail ran 50-50, half for the catastrophic coverage lf against. But when they found out how the program was going to cost, the mail ed to the unfavorable side. We've had 400 writing to oppose it, and it is continuing."

"Congress will have to take a second look. We must make some adjustments to the funding so it will not be overly burdensome to older Americans."

—Fifth District Rep. Stephen Neal

Tenth District Rep. Cass Ballenger—Rep. Ballenger said, "I believe this law is a bad deal for older Americans and I voted against it. Unfortunately, not enough of us did and it was passed into law." The Hickory lawmaker reports more than 900 letters in opposition, and 11 supporting the law. He supports Rep. Bill Archer's bill to delay implementation, and favors a bipartisan commission to re-evaluate the supplemental surtax. The benefits would remain. He adds: "My objection to this new law is quite simple. It is not fair to penalize those who have saved for their own retirement by imposing on them higher income taxes and higher medical costs simply because they have enough income to owe taxes." He is co-sponsoring a plan to hold hearings on the law.

Eleventh District Rep. James McClure Clarke—An aide said, "We've been inundated with mail, mostly in reaction to cost. Many constituents already have excellent supplemental coverage." At the outset, hundreds of letters were received; now it's settled down to a small but steady flow—most objecting to the supplemental payment. Rep. Clarke backs general provisions of the new law, but would vote for adjustments in financing.

What's The Outlook For Change?

With this much opposition in North Carolina alone, what is the outlook for change during the 100th Congress?

Most observers feel that the surtax will stick, perhaps until some future year. President Bush has urged that Congress "not tinker with" the law, and Chairman Dan Rostenkowski of the tax-writing House Ways and Means Committee also wants to keep the law as it is. The nation's largest "senior" lobby, the American Association of Retired Persons (AARP), continues to favor the law, and cites a survey that shows 65 percent of older respondents favor it in its present form.

However, the Senate Finance Commitee under Sen. Bentsen has held hearings on a change in the surtax, and both Democrats and Republicans from the House and Senate have voiced support for some change.

A new proposal that's gaining support would repeal the supplemental premium and replace it with a higher marginal income tax rate on income in excess of $109,050 for a single taxpayer or $208,510 for a joint return couple.

Ethics Issues Disrupt Congressional Routine

The key word in Washington these days is ethics, and it has become so prevalent that it has interfered with the ordinary workings of the government.

Needed legislation has languished while members of the House of Representatives—and to a lesser extent the executive department and the Senate—have leveled charges of improper conduct at members of the opposite parties.

In the process, it has caused the resignation of the Speaker of the House and the third-ranking Democrat. It also caused the defeat of the President's nominee to a major cabinet post.

Washington observers are trying to explain what brought about this situation, which has distracted Congress and, to some extent, the Bush administration.

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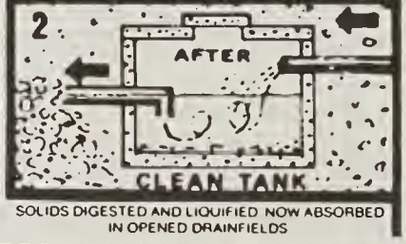

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Since Andrew Jackson came to Washi as President in 1828 and announced that 't victor belong the spoils,' the country has ac cepted the fact of political patronage. Whe Republicans control the White House, Rep cans get jobs and they leave when Democr take over the government.

That's still the case, but recently John Tower, nominated to be secretary of defen was rejected by the Senate on largely mora grounds—for a reputation of drinking and womanizing.

During the last presidential campaign Gary Hart, a leading candidate for the Dem cratic nomination, was forced to withdraw the race when he was caught by members press in a compromising situation with a y woman.

Yet back in 1884, Grover Cleveland, t Democratic nominee, was accused of bein father of an illegitimate child and the Repu slogan was a chant of "Haw, haw, where's Paw? Gone to the White House, haw, haw,

Cleveland didn't withdraw; he was el and routinely took up residence at the Wh House.

These things lead to the question: "Is standard of ethics higher in government t than it used to be?"

Most Washington observers say yes.

There are now rules limiting how mu outside income a member of Congress ca and retain, and a general tightening of reg tions on the conduct of the representative senators. Ethics committees are in place i chambers to enforce the regulations and h reprisals on anyone who violates the rules

The general public, however, doesn't this judgment that things are better. A rec ABC poll showed that four out of 10 Amer believe that many members of Congress b their own rules—and that more than half members use their offices for improper g

Observers in Washington who are in contact with members dispute this, saying congressmen are honest, hard-working p who do their jobs ably and honestly.

One big bone of contention is somet called honoraria, which is money paid to

atives for speeches make to private nizations. To con- his, Congress ted a rule that a ber could keep $26,000 annually tside fees. Any- earned over that nt must be ted to charity. ear, Rep. Dan nkowski (D-IL), ember who collected the largest amount noraria, was able to keep only that much of 244,000 he collected for speeches.

Foley

Other members' earnings ran down the to that of Rep. Ben Jones (D-GA), who was featured as an actor in the television series Dukes of Hazzard." He listed outside in- of only $25 from an appearance before a school board.

This situation in Congress grew serious last h when Speaker Jim Wright of Texas, a 34- eteran of the House, resigned under fire.

Wright's problems stemmed from his deal- with a wealthy Texas friend and the publica- f a book which his accusers said he used to e the $26,000 limit on outside income.

But the mood in Congress turned partisan ngry with Democrats vowing vengeance on Newt Gingrich, (R-GA), Wright's accuser. nood in the House chamber threatened the of the House to deal with important legis- that was waiting to be considered.

Gingrich, who was elected the Republican because of his successful foray against t, replied that if the Democrats tried to him he had evidence that "nine or ten crats had broken House rules."

he situation threatened to deteriorate. t this point, enter Tom Foley, the Demo- om Seattle who was chosen to succeed t as speaker.

oley, who seemed to have the endorse- f most Democrats and Republicans, may one man who can quell the hostile here in the House.

liberal Democrat who supports such measures as aid for the homeless and welfare for the poor, Foley has been elected in his Washington district for 13 terms, even though the district has a majority of Republican voters. Unlike Wright, who was prone to make up his mind about an issue quickly and then try to win a majority to his point of view, Foley is more cautious.

"There are two sides to every question," said one colleague, "except for Tom Foley there are generally four sides and he considers them all before making up his mind."

Some think he may be too cautious.

One of these is Rep. Rostenskowski, who says, "Sometimes when you're dealing with Tom Foley it can be very frustrating, because he goes so slowly."

But others maintain that in the current bitter attitude that prevails in the House, that may be just what is needed to calm the atmosphere and bring the two sides together.

Foley came to Washington as a committee counsel under the sponsorship of the late Sen. Henry (Scoop) Jackson and first ran for Congress at Jackson's urging. Extremely popular back home, he won unanimous backing for the speaker's job in the Democratic caucus.

Even Gingrich speaks well of him, and thinks he and Foley can get along. But that may depend on whether Gingrich mutes his attacks on Democrats, because first and foremost, Foley is a Democrat.

Republican leaders say publicly that they hope the Jim Wright troubles will help them elect more Republican House members next year.

The Democrats will be trying to stop that from happening. As a result, partisan peace in the House may be extremely hard for Foley or anyone else to achieve.

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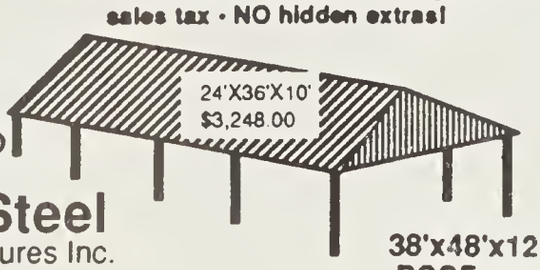

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By a process of elimination you will eventually have a garden of plants that are adapted to our typical hot, dry Carolina summers.

Water, water, water—thoroughly and regularly—at least once a week if Mother Nature doesn't do it for you. Soil around newly planted trees and shrubs needs a generous soaking more often—every two or three days. If you've scheduled a summer vacation, hire a neighbor youngster to water your yard and garden while you're away. And remember the house plants—they'll need some moisture too.

Do's and Don'ts For Vegetable Gardens

1. Don't use chemical weed killers in or around the garden. When you treat the lawn or other nearby areas, use a coarse spray on a still day to prevent drift.

2. Never use the same sprayer for insecticides and fungicides that was used to apply weed killers.

3. Don't let insects and diseases ruin your tomatoes, cucumbers, beans and other crops. Use a good all-purpose garden insecticide-fungicide mixture or use separate materials.

4. Keep weeds and grass under control. They do most damage by competing for moisture and nutrients. Some weeds are carriers of seed-borne virus diseases that damage some crops. Mulching helps control weeds and saves moisture.

5. Don't cultivate crops too deeply; a couple of inches is deep enough.

6. Side-dress most crops to keep them growing and producing. Use a high-nitrogen fertilizer. One side-dressing applied two or three weeks after planting may be enough for short-season crops. Long-season crops such as peppers, tomatoes and okra will need side-dressing every two or three weeks during the growing season.

7. Clean out residues of the spring crop after harvest is over. Do this even if you don't intend to plant another crop soon. The "left-overs" can be a source of both insects and diseases that may attack other crops you are growing

Act Now—Move Later

Now's a good time to prepare plants for moving to new locations. Perhaps you have a shrub or small tree that is ill-placed, a plant that may eventually become a problem as it grows to maturity, or a pla that you have det mined will grow ter with more (o less) sun. It coul a shrub that grov ter in a low mois or one that respo best in a higher drained area

Tips For More Flower Power

Annuals—Keep on planting annuals such as marigold, zinnia, periwinkle, cosmos, portulaca, balsam and calliopsis. They grow and mature rapidly to replace earlier planted annuals as they fade.

Newly set plants need shading for a few days as they are undergoing transplant-shock. Leafy branches of shrubs or trees can be stuck in the ground near plants to break the rays of the hot sun.

Bulbs—Bulbs to plant now include Madonna lily, colchicum, Leucojum, lycoris, and zephyranthes.

Coleus blooms should be removed from plants to encourage branching, resulting in stockier plants with more colorful foliage. Blooms are non-showy; coleus is grown for the colorful leaves. Cuttings are easily rooted in moist sand or a glass of water. Now is the time to root new plants to grow as pot plants in a window this winter.

Summer storms can play havoc with tall-growing pe nials, vines and annuals. Tie pl to bamboo ree slender woode stakes. Loosely weave string a vines and tie s ly to the post o trellis which s ports the plant

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Roots hold the soil in place during heavy rains.

Water can be supplied to the plants by cutting the tops and bottoms from tin cans,

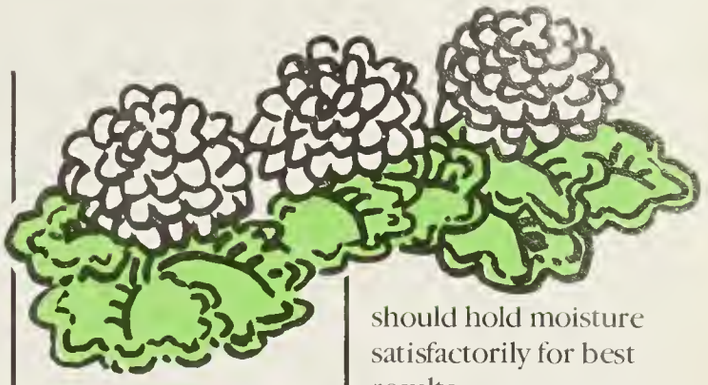
and using these as catch-basins. Place a can above each plant on the bank. Water by filling each can instead of flooding the entire bank.

Ground covers and viney plants are useful on banks, including such plants as spreading junipers, winter jasmine and dwarf forsythia. Additional interest can be created on a large bank by planting small flowering trees. Shrubs and trees available in one-gallon cans, and small trees one to two feet tall are more easily planted on steep banks than larger plants. The smaller specimens adapt easily—and they are somewhat less expensive than larger plants often grown and sold in three-gallon containers.

Geraniums From Cuttings

Start geranium cuttings now for late-fall and winter blooming indoors. Geraniums bloom best the first year from cuttings. Take two- to four-inch cuttings of firm, healthy, current season's growth. Trim off leaves on lower one to two inches of stem. Dust bottom part of cuttings with powdered rooting hormone. Place lower inch of cuttings in pots or flats of clean moist sand. (Don't use sand from the seashore. It contains salt.)

Place container in a light but shady place.



Keep sand moist but not wet. Cuttings should be well rooted and ready for potting in three weeks.

A good potting soil is equal parts of topsoil, sand and peat. It should drain well but at the same time should hold moisture satisfactorily for best results.

Next spring, the same rooting procedure can be followed by using tender new growth of these house plants. Root them to use in the patio or doorway planters, and as flower bed plants over summer.

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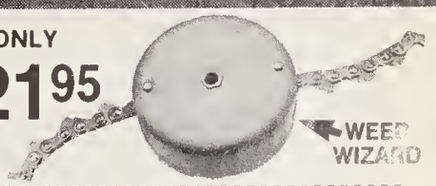

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Artist Salutes 'Master of the Loom'

"Oh, my! Why would anybody want to paint something I'd done?" said Mrs. George ("Aunt Sallie") Parnell of Rt. 22, Lexington, as she examined a new limited edition print by Davidson County artist Dempsey Essick.

The print, depicting one of Aunt Sallie's handmade rag rugs and part of her antique loom, is titled, "From Aunt Sallie's Loom." Essick and his family had presented Mrs. Parnell with print No. 1 from the 750 that were offered for sale in April.

Mrs. Parnell

The artist spent many hours with this "master of the loom" before he did the painting.

"This time spent with her is precious to me," he said. "Not only do I appreciate her skill on the loom, but I also have gotten to know what a kind-hearted, congenial and most humorous person she is."

Mrs. Parnell, who still turns out old fashioned-style rag rugs, table runners and placemats, will turn 102 on July 29.

She and Essick are both consumer-members of Davidson Electric Membership Corporation, Lexington.

For news of another Davidson County artist, see item on page 27.

The artist's print is already sold out, but he plans to offer a poster of the image. For more information about the poster or his other work, write to him at Rt. 18, Box 2518, Lexington, NC 27292.

Mrs. Parnell isn't equipped to handle mail orders for her handicrafts, but you could write to her at Rt. 22, Box 1158, Lexington, NC 27292.

New Books Cover Tar Heel Topics

In April, I referred in this space to the art work that various artists send us routinely, hoping we'll be able to make use of it in some way. Publishers and authors do the same thing with books, as they seek to promote their latest offerings.

The volumes stack up quickly because our book review column appears on an irregular schedule. As a result, we never have a chance to mention many books that our readers would find of particular interest. To remedy this situation, I've decided to offer brief glimpses of some of these books in this column from time to time. Here's the first of these notices:

• *North Carolina Traveler*—This handy guidebook, published by Ventana Press in Chapel Hill, offers complete details on where to go and what to see throughout North Carolina.

Its editor, Ginny Turner of Chapel Hill, notes in the introduction that she has found it "an appealing state to visit and a satisfying place to live" after she had lived in seven other states and visited another 40 before settling here in 1985. "Unquestionably North Carolina has a lot to offer, and we hope this book will tempt readers to explore it," she added.

The 385-page softcover book, which emphasizes restaurants, accommodations and attractions to fit varied interests and budget is divided into sections for the Coast, the Pie mont and the Mountains.

Editor Turner wrote parts of some sec with othe being contributed by free lanc Ginger Moore of Raleigh, Rick Mashburn Winston-Salem and Edgar and Patricia Che tham of Charlotte.

The book, which is priced at $9.95, is able in book stores, but can be ordered di from the publisher. Add $3.60 for shipping handling. The address: Ventana Press, P.O. 2468, Chapel Hill, NC 27515.

• *"Ocracoke: Its History and People-* softcover book offers what the author call insider's view" of Ocracoke through interv with some of the island's year-round reside The author is David Shears, a British journ who spent three years on interviews and research for the 180-page book. It's availal many book stores, but can be ordered dir from the publisher, Starfish Press, P.O. Box 42467, Washington, DC 20015. The book priced at $10.95. Add $1.50 for shipping a handling.

• *The Courthouses of North Carolin Tales That Whisper In The Stone*—This lar format volume features photos of all the st courthouses, along with several stories of ful dramas that were played out in and aro some of these buildings.

The 207-page book features photos a text by Charles Heatherly, a former newsp reporter who served for six years as direc the North Carolina Division of Travel and ism. The book was published by the Harri Company, Publishers, P.O. Box 7500, No GA 30091-7500.

One of the most fascinating of the bo tales is that of Archie Kinsauls, "the man v died twice for his sins."

The central character is an Irishman Sampson County, a man who killed one Jo Herring back in 1898. Kinsauls was jailed crime, escaped and was returned to jail. H hanged twice because he dangled from th noose the first time—but didn't die. He w last man to be hanged publicly in Sampso County.

To order a copy of the $34.95 book, publisher at this toll-free number: 800-24

By Owen Bishop

aintings Depict Amusing lventures of 'He' and 'She'

A Davidson County artist is currently ring limited edition prints using most sual central characters: they feature pigs ery human situations. The original ntings are part of a series of six following pigs, "He" and "She," through various es of life. The one above is titled, "She." other, showing "He" asleep in front of a is titled, "He."

"I had been doing still life and landscape ntings and I wanted to do something ly different," said Marjean W. Biscoe of 2, Denton. She and her husband are ed by Davidson Electric Membership poration, Lexington.

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Her first pig painting was of a formal r wedding with "He" as the groom in nat and tails. She went on to portray the in other stages. "He" and "She" depict n as free-wheeling singles. "Mr. and Mrs. is the wedding scene. "He and She" vs the happy couple sprawled out on a s bed. Number 5 has "She" in a maternity l bed with her three new little piglets. tled, "She Plus The Its." The last in the s, borrowing heavily from Robert d's famed "American Gothic," shows the le peeping over a fence with a pitchfork e foreground. It's titled "Him and Her."

Thus far, only "He" and "She" are avail- as prints. Each features an image area of 2" x 18". They're priced at $25 each $5 for tax, shipping and handling. Order from First Avenue Gallery, 18 W. First Lexington, NC 27292.

Stamp Features Timberlake Painting

A commemorative stamp marking the 200th anniversary of North Carolina's statehood will be issued by the U. S. Postal Service Aug. 22 in Fayetteville. The stamp features a painting by noted Lexington artist Bob Timberlake depicting blossoms of the state's official flower, the dogwood.

North Carolina ratified the U. S. Constitution to become a state on Nov. 21, 1789, in Fayetteville. It was the 12th state to ratify the document.

Timberlake is scheduled to be on hand to sign first-day covers as part of special ceremonies at Fayetteville's First Presbyterian Church on Bow Street. The event, which begins at 11 a.m., will feature singers, paratroopers and other activities.

The stamp, which will be available across the country beginning Aug. 23, is the third to be designed by the artist. One of his paintings was used for a Christmas stamp several years ago and he designed the commemorative statehood stamp for South Carolina last year.

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